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Art Unit: 1733

For: METHOD FOR HOLDING SUBSTRATE IN VACUUM, METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING LIQUID CRYSTAL  
DISPLAY DEVICE, AND DEVICE FOR  
HOLDING SUBSTRATE

Examiner: S. Maki

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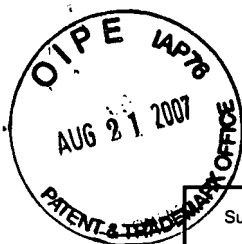
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